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U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KY 40122

PERMANENT ORDERS 128-01

8 May 2013

444th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 15 March 2012 to 20 January 2013

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 March 2012 to 20 January 2013, the 444th Engineer Company displayed meritorious service while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 444th Engineer Company allowed much needed freedom of maneuver, detection and elimination of improvised explosive devices throughout 15,000 kilometers of supply routes. Their mission sets, which often involved very remote and treacherous roads, provided essential freedom of maneuver within the 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Battalion's area of operation. The 444th Engineer Company supported numerous named operations resulting in the death or capture of numerous insurgents, enemy fighters and at least 12 high value targets. These actions greatly contributed to the stability and safety in the region, as well as assisted the people of Afghanistan in their fight for a free nation. The 444th Engineer Company's contributions bring great credit upon the unit, United States Forces Afghanistan and the United States Army.

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